

SENATE BILL 2024

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 33;
Title 68 and Title 71, relative to treatment of
certain dually diagnosed persons.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 71, Chapter 5, Part 1, is amended by
adding the following as a new section:

71-5-150. The bureau of TennCare, in consultation with the department of health and the department of mental health and developmental disabilities, shall contract with appropriate providers at adequate rates of reimbursement for a pilot project to provide treatment to women dually diagnosed with a mental illness and a substance abuse condition. Providers shall be appropriately licensed by the departments of health and of mental health and developmental disabilities. The pilot project program shall involve providers whose programs have clients from a mix of private and public payors and shall include a thirty (30) day drug and alcohol detoxification program that is capable of serving pregnant women, comprehensive discharge planning, a specific component for clients in the criminal justice system, a specific component that seeks to restore children in the custody of the department of children's services to their mothers, and treatment by physicians using nonaddictive medications and chronic pain management with holistic alternatives. The pilot project shall continue for a period of four (4) years and shall include an evaluation component.

SECTION 2. The provisions of this act shall not be construed to be an appropriation of funds and no funds shall be obligated or expended pursuant to this act unless such funds are specifically appropriated by the general appropriations act.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2007, the public welfare requiring it.

